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# THE IRIS NEWS

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Macedon, N. Y.

Dedicated To All Who Enjoy the Great Out of Doors Particularly Those who Love Beautiful Flowers

## Chrysanthemums

About the only way to have plenty of flowers in late fall and early winter is to grow Chrysanthemums. They are easy of culture and the hardy varieties come before the killing frosts.

Adironda—Bronze, aster type, golden reverse	\$.15
Algonquin—Called the best yellow Mum	.15
Argenteuillais—Bronzy flowers, tipped gold. Superb	.15
Astrid—Single. Bloom is shell-pink and old-rose	.15
Autumn Lights—Coppery-bronze and gleaming orange	.15
Bronze Button—Very productive of flower heads	.15
Burgundy—Rich crimson with deeper tone in center	.15
Canary—Aster flowered deep yellow	.15
Capt. Cook—A brilliant shade of rose pink	.15
Chestnut Bur—Deep chestnut red	.15
Clara Curtis—Bushy habit. Deep rose-pink flowers	.15
Crimson Glory—Early pompon, very bright crimson	.15
Dazzler—Cardinal red	.15
Early Bronze—Orange bronze. Blooms from September till frost	.15
Eden—Bright rose	.15
Frances Whittlesey—Rich bronze and garnet	.15
Glomero—Medium size, orange, rose sheen	.15
Granny Scoville—Warm coral bronze color. Large	.15
Harvest—Good bronze	.15
Indian Maid—Deep orange terra cotta	.15
Iridescent—Combines various shades of yellows and pinks	.15
Jean Cummings—Large, pure white flowers	.15
Jean Treadway—Pink with dark center, beautiful foliage	.15
King Midas—Yellow, one of the best	.15
Lilian Doty—Good deep pink. A standby. Ball shaped	.15
Little Bob—Early. Profusion bronze-red buttons	.15
Marion Hatton—Very early canary yellow. Excellent	.15
Mary Pickford—White, tiny flowers in great clusters	.15
Murilla—Old rose, floriferous and always admired	.15
Muskegee—Early, purplish-rose. Compact, bushy growth	.15
Old Gold—Orange yellow, deepening to old gold at center	.15
Orchid Beauty—Orchid with deeper tone in center	.15
Ouray—Dark mahogany. 2½ inches in diameter	.15
Provence—Soft pink, blended yellow	.15
Rapture—Deep orange-bronze with carmine suffusion	.15
Red Flare—The first bright red garden variety. Floriferous	.15
Pink Dot—Dwarf, light pink	.15
Romany—Carmine red with gold reverse	.15
Rose Beauty—Deep rose, button type	.15
Rosy Gem—Bright pink or rose color	.15
Ruth Cummings—Rich reddish bronze. Best all around variety	.15
Ruth Hatton—Clear ivory white when fully opened	.15
Summer Gold—Large, beautiful golden yellow	.15
Sunkist—Bright dark orange, early	.15
Vivid—Color American Beauty Rose	.15
Yellow Gem—Button type	.15

### Hardy Singles

Cavalier—Deep wine color	\$.15
Grenadier—Crimson scarlet	.15
Indian Maid—Deep orange terra-cotta	.15
Louise Schling—Glowing salmon red, bright yellow center	.15
Sun Flower—Rich orange yellow	.15

### Early Flowering Cushion Varieties

Pink Cushion Amelia	\$.15
Rose Cushion Amelia	.15
Bronze Cushion Amelia	.15
Golden Cushion Amelia	.15
White Cushion Amelia	.15

### Koreans

Apollo—Bronze red	\$.15
Ceres—Old gold blended with yellow	.15
Daphne—Lilac rose	.15
Mars—Deep amaranth red	.15
Innocence—White tinted pink	.15

## Gorgeous Oriental Poppy

I like Oriental Poppies—even the "old fashioned red." A clump of any of them will make the other flowers in the garden "stand out" in a way to be talked about. They bloom freely and do well in any sunny spot in the garden. An established clump will bear a dozen or more flowers, of gigantic size and gorgeous coloring, varying from crushed raspberry to old rose, from deep red to orange, from mulberry to white and from salmon to pink.

The Oriental Poppies bloom with the Irises in happy association, forming a striking and lovely garden picture.

Fairy—Refined pure pink flowers, dainty and lovely	\$.15
Glowing Embers—Rich red, crinkled petals. Distinct foliage	.15
Lord Lambourne—Deeply fringed petals, scarlet with black	.15
May Sadler—Immense flowers of buff pink. One of the best	.15
Mrs. Ballego—Large, salmon-pink with black spots at base	.15
Mrs. Perry—Bright strawberry-pink. Blooms early	.15
Olympia—Only double poppy, red petals, no blotch. Early	.15
Orientele—Scarlet. The "old fashioned" variety. Vigorous	.15
Perfection—Dark pink petals. Late blooming	.15
Perry's White—White petals with slight touch of pink at base	.15
Purity—The finest of all pink poppies. No markings	.15
Wurtembergia—Bright, silky red petals. Largest blooms	.15

Oriental Poppy Plants mailed from Aug. 1st Only

### Hardy Phlox

Africa—A very attractive scarlet	\$.15
Bridesmaid—White with pink eye	.15
Border Queen—A good grower with large, pure pink flowers	\$.15
Daily Sketch—Salmon-pink with carmine eye	.15
Europa—One of the white varieties with a crimson eye	.15
Leo Schlogeter—Large trusses, scarlet, dark crimson eye	.15
Mrs. Jenkins—A fine, early pure white	.15
Painted Lady—Silver-pink shaded salmon. Cherry red eye	.15
Rheinlander—A very beautiful salmon pink	.15
Starlight—Violet red, shading to lilac, white center	.15
Thor—Salmon-pink shaded scarlet, aniline red eye	.15
Von Hochberg—One of the very best of the real dark reds	\$.15
Widar—Light violet, pink tinge, white center	.15

### Funkia or Plantation Lily

Subcordata Grandiflora—Pure white. Lily shaped, very fragrant. August	\$.20
Lancifolia—Long, narrow green leaves, lilac-blue flowers. August	.20
Variegata—Variegated foliage, blue flowers	.25

Japanese, Kaempheri or Oriental are beautiful Iris by whatever name called. We have ten varieties with double flowers at 15 cents each. Assorted colors.

Bleeding-Heart—Grandmother's favorite flower and no modern flower excels it in beauty	\$.25
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### Lily Bulbs

Umbellatum—Rich orange red, free flowering. Large	\$.20
Trigrinum—Rich salmon-orange, spotted with glossy black, robust growth, easy culture	.20
Tenuifolium—Coral lily, deep scarlet. Border or rock garden	.15

A. B. Katkamier, Macedon, N. Y.

## Look This List Over

You may find what you long have been searching for  
For 50 Cents

(Sent Any Way You Choose)

You may have any one of the following group offers sent labeled and postpaid right to your mail box.  
YES, you may have 5 of the groups for \$2.

### You Can't Miss

4 Aquilegia Assorted; 4 Armeria; 4 Artemisia (Silver King or Lactiflora); 5 Real Black Eyed Susan; 5 Blue Flax; 4 Bachelor Button; 5 Coreopsis; 5 Anthemis; 5 Ajuga Reptans; 3 Bleeding Heart (Old Fashioned); 3 Bleeding Heart (Eximea); 4 Delphinium (Chinese); 4 Delphinium (G. P.); 4 Feverfew; 4 Gaillardia; 5 Heliopsis; 5 Helianthus; 5 Hesperis; 3 Heuchera (Coral Bells); 4 Kaempheri (Jap Iris); 4 Daisies (Elder); 4 Daisies (Shasta); 4 Daisies (Painted); 3 Hemerocallis Assorted; 3 Funkia Assorted; 4 Lily Tenuifolium; 4 Tigrinum.  
5 Liatris; 4 Lathyrus; 5 Lanterns (Chinese); 4 Monarda; 4 Milfoil Rosea; 4 Napeta; 5 Physostegia Grandiflora; 5 Pink Mullein; 5 Phlox Subulata Rosea; 4 Phlox Divaricata, Spring; 4 Phlox, Hardy Fall; 4 Poppy (Assorted Oriental); 5 Sedum Assorted; 5 Sempervivum Assorted; 4 Spiderwort; 10 Tulip Bulbs Assorted; 10 Gladiolus Bulbs, Assorted; 4 Veronica Incana; 3 Violet Double Russian.

### Take Notice

Make your selection now from the above described groups. They are 50 cents each or five groups for \$2.

## We Are Immortal

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The most profound thought that can enter the mind is the idea of a spirit-life beyond the grave, continuous in eternity.

The charm of the beautiful things of life and nature are a preface to the sublime features of the eventful beyond. May we all look more and more for the beautiful, ever-present in humanity and in the smallest particle of substance to the largest object in our marvelous universe.

Through the procession of the seasons, in the spirit-soul, following our separate inclination, we will be with the gorgeous iris, the appealing rose, the nodding poppy, the stately chrysanthemum. We will be with the multitude of other flowers, in their fascinating fragrances and colors and with each seed with its urge to reproduce, that succeeding plants may grow and bloom. In autumn, when the maturing leaves take on their lovely tints, there we will be with each Nature-painted leaf.

We will be with the curve of the rainbow with its hues of promise, with the rose-tints of the morning and with the resplendent sunset with its deep purples, its iridescent greens, its reds, its gold and its cerulean blue.

We will be with the balmy breeze, the refreshing water, the invigorating air, the impressive mountain, the pleasant valley, the picturesque landscape, the fruitful soil, the tasteful, nourishing foods, the boundless sea, the brilliant evolving light of the sun, the quiet light of the moon and with the countless stars sparkling in endless space—there we will be to appreciate and wonder.

We will be with the cheerful song of birds, with hearty laughter and with the musical harmony of all melodious sounds.

We will be with the art of the mind and the artistry of the hand, with the glad greeting of friends, the responsive touch of personality, the provocative flash of eyes, the ecstatic kiss of lovers, the smiles of children, the bouyancy of youth, the comforting caress of mothers and with the understanding fellowship of fathers.

We will be in the happiness of conversation, the inspiration of encouraging words, the performance of neighborly deeds—wherever there is willing help, steadfast loyalty, confiding faith, thoughtful kindness and the thrill of joy.

Being awakened to the grandeur of Nature, the good in people and the reality of Diety, is Heaven on earth.

When we go hence the chemical elements of our natural body will merge into the earth-dust from whence they came. This change will carry on for our mortal being, the cycle of the progress of physical growth which marks the ever changing development of combined organic and inorganic matter activated by the life-creative mystery-energy.

God is a Spirit and His spirit vibrant-impulses radiate from His spirit-soul and permeate to the uttermost parts of everywhere and find a pulsating response in everything. The vibrant-impulses of our spirit-soul—our consciousness—infiltrate and attune to God's vibrant-impulses and we are part-takers of His Divine presence. Where God's spirit-soul is, our individual, ever-living spirit-soul will be also.

And thus, in passing from our earth-life, we explore, each in our differing, quickened comprehension, the unknown mystical future, continuing and advancing our soul spirit-life, sharing with all mankind, the splendors and satisfactions of eternal bliss. This is Heaven of the spirit.

For the Life of Yesterday goes on Today and throughout all Time.

Let us meditate on these things each morning and each evening.

A. B. Katkamier, Macedon, N. Y.

## The Lincoln Collection

of Eighteen Colorful, Hardy and Outstanding Iris only \$2.

Albright—The new orchid-pink Iris that pleases	.19
Allure—Canary yellow, overlaid opalescent pink. Ruffled	.19
Avatar—S. buff; F. pansy violet, 3 ft. Fragrant, brilliant	.19
Baldwin—A lovely shade of violet. Very large flowers	.19
Buto—S. royal purple; F. dark velvety violet. Likeable	.19
Challenger—Dark purple to blackish violet. Large, good	.19
Churchmouse—A wonderful new color—Hay's Brown. See it	.19
Dr. C. H. Mayo—A pink toned bicolor. Fragrant. Popular	.19
King Tut—S. brownish; F. velvety glowing red. Admired	.19
Mme. Cheri—Violet; pink and yellow undertone. Pleasing	.19
Nymph—The best early yellow. Free flowering	.19
Old Gold—A fine yellow plicata. An unusual color	.19
Omaha—This is the nearest to red, bright orange beard	.19
Pluie D'Or—(Golden Rain) Solid golden yellow	.19
Refulgence—Two shades violet-blue with bronze. Blooms late	.39
Rameses—New blend. S. light russet; F. tourmaline pink	.19
Sir Galahad—S. and F. pansy violet. Tall, large, fragrant	.19
Valor—Largest, richest, blackish blue-violet	.19
Venus de Milo—Gigantic pure snow white	.19
Vesper Gold—Distinct yellow with soft violet flush	.19
White Queen—Snow white flower. Long blooming season	.19

The total cost of these 18 varieties when introduced was \$400.00.  
Now only \$2. Make your garden fascinating.

"Die when I may, I want it said of me by those who knew me best, that I plucked a thistle and planted a flower wherever I thought a flower would grow."

—Lincoln







achieve. I now have a new faith that Nature, time and  
a new outlook upon life and eternity will complete my  
peace of mind."

MRS. F. F., COLO.

"Your article 'We Are Immortal' printed in 'Iris News' appeals to me more and more each time I read it. I have faith in the future so beautifully expressed in your word-picture." Mrs. R. R., Texas

can ever know and I shall now see my brother in all things you mention, and in so doing he will be near and with me constantly." MISS L. T., TEXAS.



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## Hemerocallis (Daylily)

### The Supreme Weatherproof Perennial

Hemerocallis will thrive anywhere from pole to pole as they are the easiest of all plants to grow, either in partial shade or full sun, dry or wet soil.

When established in your gardens, border or landscaping they will endure beyond a century. They are unmolested by either blight or insect pest.

An established plant produces 8 or more bloom stalks, each stalk producing 10 to 30 or more blooms. The foliage is attractive from early spring until late autumn.

Varieties drift into four large groups, one starting to open as the other fades. Thus Hemerocallis can be planted anywhere at anytime and when in bloom the Amaryllis-like flowers command the lively attention of those who love the beautiful.

It can justly be called the "perfect flower."

- A. J. Crawford—One of the finest. Large, brilliant in combination of apricot and cadmium yellow on 36 in. stems all through July. .29
- Apricot—Fragrance is something added to the beauty of a flower and makes it more attractive. The light apricot-orange blooms of Apricot are fragrant. If you wish this Hemerocallis to bloom earlier it should be planted in full sun. If later blooming is desired, it should be in partial shade. This rule applies to all varieties. .24
- Bijou—Has a plentitude of not large blooms, orange, tinged with red. Is valuable in the Rock Garden. .29
- Craped Petals—This lemon-yellow hemerocallis with its wrinkled petals and large blooms is in a class by itself. It shines with a halo all its own. .39
- D. D. Wyman—Petals of golden yellow, overlaid with rich mahogany splashes. Established plants are loaded with large blooms in July and Aug. .39
- Dumortieri—Blooms in June with the Iris. Rich cadmium yellow flowers with bronzy-yellow reverse. 18 to 24 in. .19
- Dr. Regal—One of the most delightful of the early group of Hemerocallis. The orange-yellow flowers are very fragrant. .24
- Fragrant Flava—The scented Lemon Lily of our grandmother's day. It flowers in June on stems 2½ ft. Has a clear, full yellow hue. Three years ago an executive of an oil refining company purchased of us 300 Fragrant Flava to border the driveway to his garage. He states that "when in bloom last year the plants were a broad ribbon of brilliant lemon-yellow color, filling the air with an exceptionally pleasing fragrance. .25
- Fulva—Across the road from our farm a house fell to ruins more than fifty years ago. The cellar walls are outlined with tangled vines and shrubs which extend back a score or more of feet. And throughout and outlining the mass, the "old fashioned Daylily" Fulva reigns supreme. It has existed and extended its occupation at this home site for more than a century and a quarter. It has large, coppery-orange flowers, shaded crimson. July. Stems 3 ft. .19
- George Yeld—Large, open flowers of rich orange, flushed rose, intensifying to deep red toward the throat, with a deep yellow star at the throat. 3 to 4 ft. July-Aug. .39
- Her Highness—Wide-open recurved blooms of pure gold color on stems up to 48 in. July-August. .39
- Hyperion—One of the largest, measuring 7 inches across. Waxy, firm flowers of soft, canary-yellow. Admitted one of very best, "surpassing all others in size, form, color and substance." Many delightfully fragrant blooms. 3 to 4 ft. July-Aug. .49
- Kwanso—It is my opinion that no flowering plant of any species yields a more lovely bloom than the only double Hemerocallis Kwanso. With its rich golden-bronze, double flowers coming in July and August, it presents an especial charm to any position in the garden, border or landscape picture. .29

- Mikado—Leads in popularity of the eyed types. Its color is orange with a broad spot of mahogany on each petal—a bold, striking color contrast. Large blooms in July on stems 36 in. tall. Has a gay appearance. Is a prodigious bloomer. .29
- Mildred—A very smooth and even deep orange color. Broad petals, fine form and free blooming. .39
- Milwaukee Orange—A wonderful flower, trumpet shaped and pure deep orange in color. 30 in. July and August. .39
- Mrs. A. H. Austin—This notable variety originated with Betscher. It has large flowers of deep, golden yellow on 3 ft. stems in July and Aug. .29
- Olive—Blooms all through August. A silvery yellow with olive-brown eye zone. .39
- Ophir—A lovely true golden yellow, trumpet-shaped flowers. Large with an amazing succession of blooms on stems up to 4 ft. Must be grown to be appreciated. .29
- Rajah—A sturdy plant with brilliant, flame-scarlet blooms. Displays a vivid triangular throat area of Brazil red. The large flowers are elegantly shaped, gorgeously dark colored and freely produced on 4 ft. stems in July and August. .49
- Serenade—The petals are interestingly twisted and crinkled. They carry light, pastel shades of yellow and pink with a faint halo in a deeper tone. Above 3 ft. in June. .69
- Sir Michael Foster—This is one of the best of the group of fragrant varieties. The blooms are large, ruffled, of clear empire-yellow, without marks of any kind. .39
- Soudan—A soft lemon-yellow that is brilliant, "pure and undefiled." The flowers are of perfect form with slightly waved, waxy edges, large and fragrant. .49
- Sunny West—The East looks forward to the West; the West reminisces of the East. We have from the sunny mid-west a Hemerocallis with immense flowers of wax-like substance, borne on very tall, branching stems. It is one of the last to bloom in Sept. Originated by Sass of Nebraska. .59
- The Gem—Comes in June and July on 3 ft. stems, finely formed, rich, deep orange-yellow flowers. .29
- Vesta—A just enough flush of orange red at the center of this lovely flower intensifies the brilliant, deep cadmium yellow color and makes it a great favorite. Its color has been called a "glittering golden orange." .29
- Wau-Bun—The best of the long-flowering season varieties (Dr. Stout), beginning to bloom in July and sometimes continues right up to frost. The twisted petals are a new, soft yellow, sprinkled with traces of red, giving the 6 in. blooms a unique and outstanding appearance. Stems up to 3 ft. .69
- Winsome—Another attractive and fragrant Hemerocallis, originating in Europe. A dainty, soft, creamy yellow. .39
- Every Sunday morning we make up a basket of flowers for the cemetery. Always a few blooms of whichever variety of Hemerocallis happens to be in flower are used to give distinction.

### Planting Suggestions

Elaborate planting instructions often prove a nuisance. There is only one general rule to follow: Place the plant in the ground about as it originally grew. Iris with the rhizome—thick part of root—just covered with soil, and soil firmed. Iris will grow transplanted any time from early spring until late fall. Don't wait, get them planted. Some varieties have large, fleshy rhizomes; some quite small.

For Peonies—It doesn't matter much how the roots are placed if the eyes or buds of the plant, where they sprout from the thick root, are not placed more than two inches deep from the level surface.

Oriental Poppies should have an inch of soil above where the buds or sprouts start from the roots. They may not show much signs of growth until spring.

Other perennials are easily planted, following the old-time gardener's rule—leaves and stems in the air, roots in the ground.

Any time before the ground is actually frozen, your perennial flowering plants can be safely transplanted. Your plants set out during the fall months are increasing their root growth every day all winter when the soil isn't deeply frozen. But you should protect your fall-set plants by covering them lightly with excelsior, placing some earth over enough of the excelsior to prevent the wind from blowing it away.

In the spring the excelsior can be removed. Your plants will thus be in a position to thrive even before spring set plants could be dug. We will be glad to take care of your order sent today.

"Mr. Katkamier: In memory of our soldier boy who will never come back, I am building a garden park for him, centered with a cement shaft on which there will be a flag by day and a light by night. I want flowers to bloom around the shaft during spring, summer and fall and look to you for the plants."—J. W. T.

## Personal Letter to Our Readers

I Dear Flower-loving Friends:

Believe It is a great satisfaction to know that our plants have helped to increase the loveliness of so many thousands of gardens across the nation from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon, and from Big Fork, Minnesota, to Palm City, Florida.

God

Intended We endeavor to send live plants worth the price paid. We have no control over shipping, garden or weather conditions. Plants from the same digging can be mailed on the same day to various customers. Most of the plants live and thrive. A few plants will die. Some customers have the "green hand" and all their plants live. Other customers have "no luck."

Everybody

Should If something is wrong with your order please write, returning the shipping tag.

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Future issues of "Iris News" can be sent only to recent customers and to prospective customers. Should you receive extra copies please hand them to garden friends. Thank you.

The prices in this issue of "Iris News" cancel all former prices.

With best wishes

Cordially yours,

A B Katkamier

## Moving Pictures

in color taken at our Flower Gardens on the screen. Our Gardens are within 20 miles of the Kodak Camera Factories at Rochester, N. Y. and people for miles around are unusually camera minded.

In the past few years hundreds of color movie films have been taken of our Gardens in bloom at different periods of the year—Tulips, Iris, Oriental Poppies, Peonies, Chrysanthemums, etc.

Recently we received the following letter from a customer at Peoria, Ill.:

"I wish you could see my color movie film of Iris in bloom at my 'Hillcrest' Gardens. I ordered your entire set of \$1 Collections (listed in the attached copy of our 'Iris News') and used them to form a border of 350 ft. frontage. I suggest to all who admire my flowers that they send to Katkamier for their plants."

### What They Say

"Living in a locality where wind and dry weather make it difficult to grow flowers of any kind, I find the Iris will do best of all, so I am sending to you for six of your dollar collections as follows . . ."—Mrs. F. R.

"I bought my first collection of Iris from you nearly twenty years ago. I still have them and enjoy them each year when they bloom."—Mrs. M. S. W.

"Please don't let me miss an 'Iris News'."—Mrs. N. T., Elida, N. Mex.

"Words are futile to describe the beautiful colors of the last collection of Iris I purchased of you. My garden is larger than I can tend alone so I hired a gardener one day a week to keep it in good order. I am a working woman, also housewife and mother. My flowers have been a blessing and recreation to me through the years—some of them rather lean."

"I bought Iris plants of you eighteen years ago. They are still blooming in my garden border and as beautiful and lovely as ever."—Mrs. W. D.

"Thank you very much for the lovely plants you sent me. I will always have something to remember you by."—Mrs. L. P.

"One of the poppy plants bought of you last fall did not grow this spring but late this summer it gave forth a nice, thrifty plant which now has three large buds."—Mrs. E. M. G.

## The First Customer

from each of the 48 states had the order doubled.

When all the states were represented by a first customer we started again to double the order of the second first customer from the forty-eight states. This plan is repeated for the entire year.

No matter when you order your plants you have a chance to have your order doubled—even to late in the fall. Luck may come your way. Somebody wins.

In any case you receive generous value together with the gift plants which are always included and adjusted to the amount of your order. The larger the order the more liberal the gifts.

You cannot realize my great surprise and pleasure in having my order for plants doubled. You see I did not happen to read your item "The First Customer" until after I had received my plants. My "chance" came unknown to me and I thank you sincerely.—Mrs. J. H. C., Iowa.